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Sir:

In conformance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the following art which may be material to the patentability of the present invention. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider this art and make it of record in this application.

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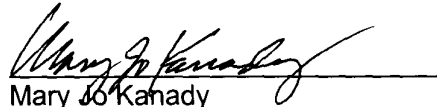
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